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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN STATEMENT TO COMMONS ON CYPRUS

1. SUMMARY. IN STATEMENT DELIVERED TO COMMONS NOON JULY 31, FONSEC CALLAGHAN DESCRIBED CONTENTS OF AGREEMENT REACHED AT GENEVA. HE OUTLINED TERMS OF CEASEFIRE AND SPOKE OF NEXT MEETING BEGINNING EVENING OF AUGUST 8 TO DISCUSS LONGER TERM CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES, IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES INVITED TO JOIN. HE REPORTED RAF EVACUATION OF MORE THAN 9000 PEOPLE TO BRITAIN, AND THAT NO CHARGE AGAINST INDIVIDUAL UK CITIZENS WOULD BE LEVIED FOR COST OF THIS EVACUATION. HE REVEALED FOUR BRITISH RESIDENTS OF KYRENIA AREA WERE KILLED LAST WEEK, IN ADDITION TO TWO DEATHS EARLIER. FCO IS BRIEFING REPRESENTATIVES OF EC-9
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TODAY. WE UNDERSTAND CALLAGHAN PLANS TO ATTEND FIRST

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DAYS OF SECOND SESSION BEGINNING AUGUST 8 IN GENEVA.
END SUMMARY.

2. MAIN BODY OF PREPARED STATEMENT, FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS, AS BELOW:
"THE DECLARATION IS THE BEST RESPONSE WHICH THE GUARANTOR POWERS COULD MAKE TO THE REQUEST PLACED BEFORE THEM BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 353.
"AS REGARDS THE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY IN CYPRUS, WE AGREED THAT THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY OPPOSING FORCES WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED; THAT ALL FORCES REGULAR AND IRREGULAR SHOULD DESIST FROM HOSTILE ACTIVITY AND THAT A SECURITY ZONE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GREECE, TURKEY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE.
"AS REGARDS THE MEASURES TO BRING A RETURN OF CONFIDENCE TO THE TWO COMMUNITIES WE AGREED THAT NATIONAL GUARD FORCES SHOULD EVACUATE TURKISH ENCLAVES. IN THESE ENCLAVES THE COMMUNITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE THEIR OWN SECURITY FORCES BUT THE UN FORCE WOULD ALSO HELP WITH PROTECTION AND SECURITY. DETAINED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS WILL BE EXCHANGED OR RELEASED UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.
"AS REGARDS THE FUTURE WE WILL BE MEETING AGAIN FROM THE EVENING OF 8 AUGUST TO DISCUSS THE LONGER TERM CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN US.
"THAT MR. SPEAKER IS A NECESSARILY INCOMPLETE SUMMARY OF THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION. IT IS NOT A PERFECT DOCUMENT BUT GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE, I BELIEVE, BEEN BROUGHT BACK FROM THE BRINK OF WAR AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN GENEVA WILL HELP TO KEEP THE PEACE AND GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE OF MOVING ON TO THE SECOND AND MORE IMPORTANT PHASE OF MAKING A PEACE WHICH WILL LAST AND WHICH WILL CREATE THE ESSENTIAL CONFIDENCE AMONG THE COMMUNITIES WHICH HAS BEEN LACKING.
"THE IMMEDIATE AIM HAD TO BE TO REMOVE THE RISK OF WAR,

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BUT OUR ABIDING CONCERN IS THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS. CYPRUS WILL NOT FLOURISH SO LONG AS IT REMAINS AN ARMED CAMP. WE MUST DO OUR UTMOST TO SECURE COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTION 353 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ALL ITS ASPECTS INCLUDING ITS MILITARY PROVISIONS AS WELL AS THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS IN SUCH A MANNER AS WILL COMMAND THE CONFIDENCE OF ALL ITS PEOPLES.
"I MUST SAY A WORD MR. SPEAKER ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE ISLAND ITSELF. THERE HAVE BEEN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF BREACHES OF THE CEASEFIRE CALLED FOR BY THE UN ON 22 JULY BUT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT THESE SHOULD NOW CEASE AND THAT LIFE SHOULD GRADUALLY RETURN TO NORMAL.
"THE WITHDRAWAL OF UK CITIZENS AND OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONALS INTO THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS AND THE SUBSEQUENT
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EVACUATION TO BRITAIN OF THOSE WHO WISHED TO LEAVE THE ISLAND HAVE GONE SMOOTHLY. THE ROYAL AIR FORCE HAS FLOWN MORE THAN 9,000 PEOPLE TO BRITAIN. I AM SURE THE HOUSE WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT IN THE WHOLLY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OBTAINING IN CYPRUS IT WOULD BE RIGHT TO DEPART FROM ESTABLISHED PRACTICE AND TO MAKE NO CHARGE AGAINST INDIVIDUAL UK CITIZENS FOR THEIR EVACUATION.
"IN ADDITION TO THE TWO DEATHS TO WHICH I REFERRED IN MY STATEMENT OF 22 JULY I MUST REPORT WITH GREAT REGRET THAT FOUR BRITISH RESIDENTS OF THE KYRENIA AREA WERE KILLED

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LAST WEEK. I HAVE ASSURED THEIR FAMILIES OF THE SINCERE SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE.
"AND FINALLY MR. SPEAKER, I PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED DURING THESE ANXIOUS DAYS IN TRYING TO KEEP THE PEACE OR TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM THE HOSTILITIES. THERE WILL BE DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD AND MUCH MORE WORK IS YET TO BE DONE, BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE A START."

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